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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO ATLANTIC TREATY  
ASSOCIATION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10

THE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE TO THE ATLANTIC  
TREATY ASSOCIATION MEETING IN BRUSSELS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10.  
MESSAGE COULD BE CARRIED BY THE PRINCIPAL U.S. DELEGATE, AND  
MIGHT BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:  
BEGIN TEXT

IN SENDING MY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO THE 19TH ANNUAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE  
THE OCCASION TO REAFFIRM U.S. COMMITMENTS TO ITS ATLANTIC ALLIES  
AND TO POINT TO CHALLENGES WE FACE COLLECTIVELY.

FIRST, I RENEW THE U.S. POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO ATLANTIC  
PARTNERSHIP. WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK, THE U.S. CONTINUES TO SUPPORT  
THE IDEAL OF A UNIFIED WESTERN EUROPE, AS CREATED BY THE  
EUROPEANS, TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN WORLD  
AFFAIRES.

I ALSO REAFFIRM THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON DEFENSE.  
GIVEN SIMILAR EFFORTS BY THE NATO ALLIES, THE U.S. WILL NOT ONLY  
MAINTAIN BUT WILL IMPROVE ITS FORCES IN EUROPE AND WILL NOT  
REDUCE THEM UNLESS THERE IS RECIPROCAL ACTION BY OUR ADVERSARIES.

I CALL UPON THE ATLANTIC PARTNERS TO JOIN US IN FACING CHALLENGES  
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AND SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES. EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS WILL TEST THE  
POLITICAL AND MILITARY SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIANCE. OUR TASK IS TO  
MAINTAIN THE COHERSION OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIEANCE AS A BASIS FOR  
SEEKING AND ENSURING A STABLE PEACE.

IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, WITHIN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, WE MUST  
WORK TOGETHER IN SEEKING TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS AS FORTHRIGHTLY  
AS WE CONFRONT OUR EXTERNAL CHALLENGES, AND IN THE SAME SPIRIT  
OF SOLIDARITY.

MY MESSAGE IS ONE OF REDEDICATION, CHALLENGE AND HOPE. I  
BELIEVE WE WILL BE EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES AND THAT OUR RESPONSES  
AND INITIATIVES WILL BE WORTHY OF OUR HISTORIC OPPORTUNITIES.

END TEXT.

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